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Applicants: Dakai Liu et al.)
Serial No. 08/822,963) Group Art Unit: 1809
Filed: March 21, 1997 .) Examiner: Sean McGarry
Title: Vectors and Viral Vectors,)
And Packaging Cell Lines)
For Propagating Same)

527 Madison Avenue, 9th Floor
New York, New York 10022
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RECONSIDERATION OF RESTRICTION
REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.143**

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.143, Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the restriction requirement set forth in the September 2, 1997 Office Action which was issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the September 2, 1997 Office Action was originally due October 2, 1997. Applicants hereby request a three (3) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and hereby give authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1135 the \$475.00 small entity fee for this extension. Applicants' status as a small entity has been previously established and is still applicable. A response to the September 2, 1997 Office Action is now due January 2, 1998, and this response is therefore being timely filed.

REMARKS

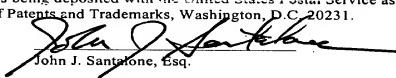
Reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-67 are pending in the application. No claims have been amended, added or canceled by this response. Accordingly, claims 1-67 are being presented for examination, subject to the instant restriction requirement.

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